GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Registration & Stamps Department – Amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Hindu Marriage Registration Rules, 1965 - Notification - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE(REGN.II)DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 609 **Dated:22.12.2023**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.654, Home (General) Dept., dt.22-03-1965.
2. CIRCULAR No: CARD -HM/SM- 1/2023, Dated: 31.12.2022 From the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Vijayawada.
3. From the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Vijayawada Letter No.BDM/68612023, Dated: 06.03.2023 & 25.04.2023.

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ORDER:

The Registration and Stamps Department registers marriages under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. Hitherto, it has been done manually and parties wishing to get the marriages registered ought to approach the Sub Registrar offices under whose jurisdiction either the bride or groom resided for a period of 6 months prior to the date of marriage or the jurisdiction of the Sub Registrar where the marriage gets solemnized. Many representations were received by the Department to allow registration of Hindu marriages in any of the Sub Registrar Offices in the State without restricting the parties to go to the Sub Registrar Offices as mentioned above. The reason put forth by the parties is that they had to move to different places on account of transfers in both the public and private sectors and the movement of the general public in search of livelihood. An overwhelming number of people have requested making the marriage registration process online in view of the improved digital literacy and access to high-speed internet services.

2. Keeping in view of the suggestions received from the public, the C&IG, Registration formed a committee to study the feasibility of implementation of these suggestions and submitted recommendations to the Government.

3. The above suggestions of the public have been examined keeping in view the feasibility of implementation and the public good that it brings about.

4. The Government after careful examination of the matter have decided to allow the process of registration of marriages in the digital form also and accordingly hereby make the amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Hindu Marriage Registration Rules, 1965 issued in G.O.Ms.No.654, Home (General) Dept, dated the 22nd March, 1965 to make them consistent with the proposed changes in the marriage registration process.

5. The following notification will be published in an Extraordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated 22.12.2023.

(P.T.O.)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (Act No.25 of 1955), the Government of Andhra Pradesh here by makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Hindu Marriage Registration Rules, 1965 issued in G.O.Ms.No.654, Home (General) Dept., dated the 22nd March, 1965 as subsequently amended:

AMENDMENTS

In the said rules,

1. in rule 2,

(i) for clause (c), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(c) "Form" means a form appended to these rules and maintained either in physical or in electronic form as defined in the Information Technology Act, 2000.".

(ii) in clause (f), the words "either in physical or in electronic form" shall be added at the end.

(iii) for clause (h), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(h) "Registrar General" means the Inspector General of Registration appointed by the Government under section 3 of the Registration Act, 1908 read with section 6(1) (b) of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1886 (Central Act 6 of 1886) or section 2(1) (b) of the Andhra Pradesh (T.A Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1953 (Act VIII of 1953).".

2. in rule 4,

(i) in sub-rule(1), the words "either in physical or in electronic form" shall be added at the end.

(ii) for sub-rule(2), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(2) The Hindu Marriage Register shall be maintained either in physical or in electronic form having been machine numbered consecutively.".

3. in rule 5, for sub-rule(1), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(1) An application for the registration of a Hindu Marriage, shall be submitted in Form 'A' before any Registrar in the State and shall be signed including e-sign by each party to the marriage either in manual form or in electronic form and shall present in person before the same Registrar in the State.

Provided that an application for the registration of marriage, solemnized beyond the territories of India may be presented within one month from the date on which the parties arrive in the State of Andhra Pradesh before any Registrar in the said State of Andhra Pradesh.".

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4. in rule 6, for sub-rule(3), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(3) On being satisfied about the marriage, the Registrar shall enter the particulars of the marriage in his own hand or electronically in the Hindu Marriage Register. Every entry relating to such particulars shall be signed by both the parties to the marriage either manually or in electronic form.

Provided that the Registrar may in his discretion require that one or more witnesses shall also sign either manually or in electronically in the Hindu Marriage Register.".

5. for rule 8, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"8. (1) Every erasure or interlineation occurred in making entries in the Hindu Marriage Register shall be attested by the Registrar and a note of the number of erasures and interlineations in the entries shall be made at the foot of the page containing the entries by the Registrar in his own hand or electronically also attested with his initials. He shall then authenticate the entries with his signature and date and in case of Hindu Marriage Register, maintained in electronic form any correction shall be done by the Registrar, the reasons so recorded may be substantiated. Electronic log of the changes shall be preserved.

(2) No correction or alteration in material particulars like name including surname or any clerical or typographical error regarding age, date or place shall be made in the Hindu Marriage Register either in manual form or in electronic form, without obtaining the sanction of the inspecting officer and District Registrar of Assurances concerned.

(3) Every correction made after obtaining the required sanction under sub rule (2) shall be made by the Registrar, by a note in either physical form or electronic form in the foot note without any alteration of the original **entry** and shall be signed electronically or physically and dated by him.".

6. In rule 9, the words "either in manual form or in electronic form" shall be added at the end.

7. In rule 10, after the expression "Form C", the words "either manually or in electronic form" shall be inserted.

8. In rule 15,

i. for sub-rule (1), (2) and (3), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(1) Every application for grant of copies of records or for an extract from the Hindu Marriage Register or Hindu Marriage Certificate may be made either in person or by electronic mode or any other mode addressed to the Registrar duly paying required fee prescribed.

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(2) Certified extracts from the Hindu Marriage Register and certified copies of other records shall be granted under the official seal of the Registrar on payment of the fees either in manual form or in electronic form.

(3)Table of Fees:
As prescribed by the State Government from time to time.".

ii. under sub-rule (3), for the SCHEDULE OF FEES mentioned before Note (1), the following shall be substituted, namely-

SCHEDULE OE FEES

Sl.No	Description	Fee
I	For the Registration of Marriage (to be paid by the parties to the marriage which will be exclusive of any other fees levied by temple authorities for Marriage in Temples).	Rs.500/-
II	For making a search in any record relating to (to be paid by the applicant) a. the current year b. any other year or years (for addl. such year)	 Rs.100/- Rs.100/-
III	For a Certified Copy of any record other than the certified copy of or extract from the Hindu Marriage Register to be paid by the applicant	Rs.100/-
IV	For registering a marriage at any place outside the office of the Marriage Registrar (to be appropriated by the Marriage Registrar) under Rule 21	Rs.5000/-
V	For registration on public holiday.	Rs.5000/-

9. For rule 16, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"16. All fees realised shall at once be brought on account in 'Form-D' which is being maintained in electronically and shall be remitted into the Government Treasury, under the head of account determined by the Government from time to time."

10. In rule 18, in sub-rule (1), after the words "The following records shall be maintained" and before the words "by the Registrar" the words "either in manual form or in electronic form" shall be inserted.

6. The notification will come into force with effect on and from 22.12.2023.

7. The Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Vijayawada shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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To:

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The Commissioner and Inspector General Registration & Stamps, A,P. , Tadepalli.

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